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Verdict Noted

The State Department has expressed "disappointment" over the acquittal of two men accused of smuggling B-26 bombers to Portugal.

The two, French Count Henri M. F. de Marin de Montmarin and John R. Hawke, had claimed they were taking the World War II bombers abroad with the knowledge of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Volunteering an unusual comment on the verdict, State Department spokesman Robert J. McCloskey told newsmen it was a "disappointment to the United States Government."

He found consolation in the jury's finding that the United States had not been involved in the transaction.